

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
COUNCIL MINUTES
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 1, 2007**

The reorganization meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill was called to order by Borough Clerk Donna Griffiths at 12:00 Noon followed by the salute to the Flag.

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The following notice was read into the record by the Borough Clerk: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of January 1, 2007, was included in a list of meetings notice advertised in the December 16, 2006, edition of the Somerset Messenger Gazette and transmitted to the Courier News and the Somerset Spectator. Notice has been posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall, Rocky Hill Post Office, and Mary Jacobs Library and remains continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. A copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

OATH OF OFFICE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Edward P. Zimmerman was administered the oath of office as Mayor (four year term to expire 12/31/10) by Borough Clerk Donna Griffiths. Mayor Zimmerman presided over the remainder of the meeting.

William Hallman was administered the oath of office as Borough Councilman (three year term to expire 12/31/09) by Borough Clerk Donna Griffiths.

Dan Harrington, was administered the oath of office as Borough Councilman (three year term to expire 12/31/09) by Borough Clerk Donna Griffiths.

CALL OF THE ROLL

Mr. Brian Griner-present, Mr. William Hallman-present, Mr. Dan Harrington-present,
Ms. Courtney White-present, Mr. Jared Witt-present.

(Letter of resignation from Councilman Richard Batchelder effective December 30, 2006, as received by the Borough Clerk on 12/29/06 to be addressed at the regular meeting of January 8, 2007).

COMMENTS BY REV. WILLIAM SCHUTTER

Rev. William Schutter, Pastor, First Reformed Church of Rocky Hill, wished all a happy new year reflecting on past accomplishments of the Mayor and Council and looking forward to the new leadership of the Mayor and Council.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Appreciation was extended by Mayor Zimmerman to all who supported him in the election. Mayor Zimmerman delivered his message noting recent changes to not only Borough Council government but also that of the local school government. Emphasized was the Mayor's commitment of carrying out open and honest government along with encouragement for patience and cooperation amongst all. An overview of the Mayor's goals relative to Borough business for the impending year was provided including but not limited to: resolution of the pending litigation surrounding the Pulte/Schafer project, commitment of maintaining "home rule" for the Borough, the development of a 3-5 year fiscal spending plan, the establishment of Mayor's Advisory Committees (as outlined in Committee appointments); meetings of which will be open to the public. Mayor's office hours will be established as well as a Mayor's newsletter that will be provided to the residents. Support of a good-neighbor relationship with neighboring municipalities (Montgomery and Franklin Townships) was also requested.

Tribute was paid to former Mayor George Morren noting his accomplishments during his tenure as Mayor. Recognition was extended to the following former mayors in attendance at the meeting:
Mr. Anthony Bianculli, Mr. John Pettibone, Mr. Al Robotti, Mr. Raymond Whitlock Jr.
(Former Mayor Brian Nolan was recognized, however, was not present).

NOMINATION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT (one year term thru 12/31/07)

The floor was opened by Mayor Zimmerman for nominations for the position of Council President for the year 2007. Mr. Griner nominated Jared Witt as Council President. Nomination received a second by Ms. White. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS (Appendix 1)

Borough appointments were read in full as attached and moved for approval by Witt with a second by Griner. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

Appointment of Council Committees and Council Representatives were read in full as attached and moved for approval by Griner with a second by Hallman. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

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Appointment of Boards and Committees were read as attached and moved for approval by Griner with a second by White. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS (2007-01 THROUGH 2007-19) – (Appendix 2)

Resolution 2007-01, Consent Agenda, was provided (Appendix 2). Motion was made by Griner with a second by White to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes. (Attached as Appendix 2).

Resolutions 2007-02 through 2007-19 (attached as Appendix 2) along with applicable professional services agreements were provided. Request was made by the Mayor that a letter be sent by the Borough Clerk on behalf of Mayor and Council to the Chief Financial Officer requesting his attendance at the first Council meeting of the month. Noted was an increase in fees for the Borough Attorney and Borough Engineer. Motion to adopt the resolutions and authorization for the execution of the professional services agreements provided was made by Griner with a second by Harrington. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion was made by Harrington with a second by Griner to adjourn the reorganization meeting at 12:30 PM. All voted in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted:

Donna M. Griffiths, RMC
Borough Clerk